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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of NISHIMURA, Masaharu, KATAOKA, Masazumi,  
MATSUMOTO, Michio, MASUDA, Yoshifumi  
GAS TURBINE EXHAUST PASSAGE AND DAMPER SYSTEM FOR SAME  
Assignee: **mitsubishi heavy industries, LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q78517



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/337,780 (Confirmation No.9975) filed January 8, 2003 of NISHIMURA, Masaharu, KATAOKA, Masazumi, MATSUMOTO, Michio, MASUDA, Yoshifumi entitled GAS TURBINE EXHAUST PASSAGE AND DAMPER SYSTEM FOR SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 9 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement and a Preliminary Amendment.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3746.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	9-259901	September 25, 1997
Japan	10-187685	July 2, 1998

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/158,149.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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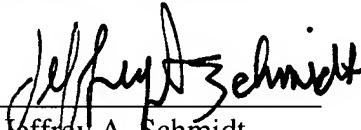
Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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